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1. The departure of troops from the forest camp at Letzling Heath (M 53/Y 53), which was expected to start on 25 September 1950, actually began on 26 September 1950.
2. On 26 September 1950 at noon a train with nine tanks coming from the barracks area of the Millersleben artillery range was sidetracked at the Haldensleben railroad station. Eighteen other tanks were loaded on a train in Millersleben where a makeshift loading ramp had been constructed for the purpose.
3. On 27 September 1950 about 40 trucks, about half of which towed 120-mm guns, and 3 light armored reconnaissance cars were loaded on a train at the Haldensleben railroad station.

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[ ] A train, loaded with about 10 tanks and headed toward Magdeburg, stood on a sidetrack of the railroad station. On the same day 18 tanks were loaded on a train in Millersleben. Thirty-six more tanks were ready for loading.

4. On 28 September 1950 an undetermined number of T-34 tanks and trucks [ ] were loaded on a train at the Haldensleben railroad station.

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5. Between 26 September and 4 October 1950 trucks loaded with equipment were daily observed leaving the forest camp toward Magdeburg. The [ ]

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6. On 11 and 12 October 1950, 8 tanks, 9 AT guns and 20 trucks [ ] were unloaded at the Haldensleben railroad station. \*

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\* [ ] Comment: Compare with a previous report [ ] on the the departure of units from Letzling Heath.

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[ ] the departing units belonged to the 19th Gds Mecz Div. It is believed that the bulk of this division participated in the Third Shock Army maneuvers in the area

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\*\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

It is possible

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that, upon completion of the fall maneuvers, at least **some elements of the** division may have returned to their summer quarters, probably only temporarily. A report received in the spring of 1950 stated that the camps in the woods at Letzling Heath would be occupied until some time in October 1950. [redacted]

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